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IN RE APPLICATION

OF: RUNGE ET AL.

SERIAL NO. 10/058,022

FILED: JANUARY 29, 2002

FOR: A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING DRY POWDERS OF ONE OR MORE CAROTENOIDS

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EXAMINER:

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In reply to the Office action of August 11, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 1 and 15 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.